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Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a Japanese Patent Office Office Action (copy enclosed) in a counterpart foreign application. A concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents listed may be ascertained from the English-language translation of its Abstract.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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